

## BOOK REVIEWS

*Proceedings of the Third International Congress on Photosynthesis (3 volumes)*

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The Third International Congress on Photosynthesis took place at the Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel, on September 2–6th, 1974. Given the very large number of speakers involved, it is a great tribute to the organisers and editor that the Proceedings have been published so rapidly.

The Proceedings include contributions on almost every aspect of chloroplast metabolism, from physical studies on PS I and II to measurements of gas exchange in whole leaves. However, on leafing through the three volumes, one is impressed by how much of the material presented has already been published in conventional journals.

Perhaps the greatest value of a Congress such as this is the opportunity for face-to-face discussion, and argument, between workers from different countries. It also enables newcomers to the field to see, and perhaps meet, the 'great men' of photosynthesis. So far as these points are concerned, reading these Proceedings is no substitute for attending the Congress.

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